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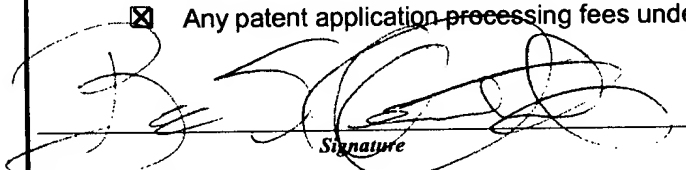
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In response to the Official Action of August 17, 2001, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

1. (4x Amended) A composition for stabilizing the nucleic acids of at
least one cell in a specimen at ambient temperature, said composition being
comprised of:

(a) a first substance capable of precipitating or denaturing proteins,
comprising at least one alcohol or ketone whose concentration is less than 80%
of the total composition; and